

HOUSE RESOLUTION 251

By Bone

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Christopher Dowell upon being named Chief of the Lebanon Fire Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders and public servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Christopher Dowell, who is the first African-American to achieve the rank of Chief at the Lebanon Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a man of courage, conviction, and a keen sense of duty, Chief Dowell began his career as a firefighter with the Lebanon Fire Department on December 21, 1988; and

WHEREAS, in his ascent through the ranks over the years, Christopher Dowell has served the Lebanon Fire Department as a firefighter, engineer, and Lieutenant, before attaining the esteemed position of Chief, and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Chief Dowell was accepted into the Public Safety Officer program and graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, becoming a certified police officer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Christopher Dowell was elevated to the Fire Chief position in January of 2008, becoming a trailblazer in fire prevention and safety as the first African-American Fire Chief in the history of the Lebanon Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Chief Dowell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his department, his community, and the firefighting men and women of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and

congratulate Christopher Dowell, an outstanding firefighter who has dedicated himself to the service of his community, upon being named Chief of the Lebanon Fire Department. We commend him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.